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SUBJECT: CIEC: TEXT OF CO-CHAIRMEN EFFORT TO PRODUCE
JOINT PROPOSALS FOR WORK PROGRAMS

CANADIAN TEXT READS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

REPORT ON EFFORTS OF THE CIEC CO-CHAIRMEN TO PRODUCE A
JOINT PROPOSAL FOR THE COMMISSION'S WORK PROGRAMS.

AFTER CIEC REACHED AN IMPASSE AT THE END OF THE
JULY SESSIONS, THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE CONFERENCE WERE
ENCOURAGED TO TRY TO REACH AGREEMENT BETWEEN THEMSELVES
ON THE TEXT OF A WORK PROGRAM FOR THE COMMISSIONS WHICH
THEY TOGETHER COULD PRESENT TO BOTH THE G-8 AND THE G-19.

RECENT EFFORTS ON THE PART OF MR. MACEACHEN, TO WORK
OUT A CO-CHAIRMEN'S PROPOSAL WHICH COULD BE PUT TO
G-8 AND G-19 FOR APPROVAL HAVE NOT REACHED AN AGREED
CONCLUSION OWING TO DR. PEREZ-GUERRERO'S PERHAPS
UNDERSTANDABLE HESITATION TO COMMIT HIMSELF TO A FORMULA
WITHOUT CONSULTING HIS COLLEAGUES IN G-19. ATTACHED TO
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THIS REPORT IS A COPY OF MR. MACEACHEN'S PROPOSED TEXT,

WHICH REFLECTED SOUNDINGS AMONG THE G-8 AND EXCHANGES OF MESSAGES WITH DR. PEREZ-GUERRERO IN THE TIME SINCE THE BREAK-UP OF THE JULY COMMISSION MEETINGS.

AFTER CONSIDERING THIS LATEST VERSION WHICH HE RECEIVED ON AUGUST 27, DR. PEREZ-GUERRERO INDICATED THAT HE WOULD WANT SOME CHANGES IN IT (THESE ARE REPORTED IN A SECOND ATTACHMENT TO THIS REPORT). HE ALSO INDICATED THAT INSTEAD OF PRESENTING TO G-8 AND G-19 A CO-CHAIRMEN'S PROPOSAL WHICH HE AND MR. MACEACHEN HAD ARRIVED AT, ON THEIR OWN, HE WOULD HOPE TO DEVELOP A FINAL "CO-CHAIRMEN'S PROPOSAL" IN THE LIGHT OF INFORMAL AND PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS WITH INFLUENTIAL MEMBERS OF G-19 OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS. THE FINAL "CO-CHAIRMEN'S PROPOSAL" WOULD THUS BE WORKED OUT IN THE COURSE OF INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS IN PARIS BETWEEN THE CO-CHAIRMEN (IN CONSULTATION WITH THEIR GROUPS) DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6 AND WOULD (IF AGREED) BE PUT FORMALLY TO G-19 BY DR. PEREZ-GUERRERO AT A MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 10 AND 11.

CANADIAN OFFICIALS HAVE NOT MADE COMMENTS TO DR. PEREZ-GUERRERO ON HIS PERSONAL SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGES IN THE DRAFT TEXT EXCEPT FOR TWO POINTS: (A) WE RECALLED OUR EARLIER JUDGEMENT THAT G-19 LANGUAGE WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO G-8 WITHOUT CHANGES EVEN THOUGH THE CHAPEAU STATES IT DOES NOT PREJUDGE THE RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE AND (B) WE EMPHASIZED THAT THE LANGUAGE IN MR. MACEACHEN'S PROPOSAL FOR A CO-CHAIRMEN'S TEXT WENT ABOUT AS FAR AS WE JUDGED THE TRAFFIC WOULD BEAR.

WE HAVE ASKED DR. PEREZ-GUERRERO NOT TO SUBMIT MR. MACEACHEN'S DRAFT TO THE G-19 AS A WHOLE AS IT HAS NOT BEEN FINALLY AGREED BETWEEN CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE CONFERENCE. WE MUST ACCEPT, HOWEVER, THAT HE WILL PROBABLY BE DRAWING ON IT IN HIS INFORMAL SOUNDINGS WITH CERTAIN G-19 MEMBERS IN THE DAYS AHEAD AND THAT SUGGESTIONS FOR WORDING EMANATING FROM G-19 AS A RESULT OF DR. PEREZ-GUERRERO'S INFORMAL SOUNDINGS MAY WELL GO CONFIDENTIAL

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BEYOND THE LANGUAGE HE HAS SUGGESTED ON A PERSONAL BASIS.

WE POINTED OUT TO DR. PEREZ-GUERRERO THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF A PROPOSAL ARRIVED AT AND AGREED ON BY THE CO-CHAIRMEN THEMSELVES, DETAILED DISCUSSION WOULD NEED TO BE INITIATED WITH G-8 AND THAT G-8 MIGHT COME FORWARD WITH IDEAS AND PROPOSALS WHICH DIFFER FROM

THE DRAFT MR. MACEACHEN SENT TO DR. PEREZ-GUERRERO
AS A BASIS FOR THE CO-CHAIRMEN'S PROPOSAL.

MR. MACEACHEN'S EFFORTS IN RECENT WEEKS (INVOLVING
A MEETING WITH DR. PEREZ-GUERRERO AT THE END OF JULY
AND A SERIES OF MESSAGES EXCHANGED WITH HIM) HAVE NOT
RESULTED THEREFORE IN A TEXT WHICH THE CO-CHAIRMEN

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JOINTLY CAN PRESENT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE GROUPS AT THIS
TIME. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES AN EARLY G-8 MEETING AT
AN APPROPRIATELY SENIOR LEVEL WOULD SEEM TO BE REQUIRED
IN ORDER TO CONSIDER OUR FUTURE COURSE. MR. DUPUY
PROPOSES THEREFORE TO CONVENE A MEETING OF G-8 AT THE
SENIOR OFFICIALS LEVEL IN PARIS DURING THE AFTERNOON
OF SEPTEMBER 9 TO CONSIDER THIS MATTER AND THE FUTURE
COURSE OF ACTION.

DR. PEREZ-GUERRERO HAS EMPHASIZED THAT HE ATTACHES
GREAT IMPORTANCE TO HAVING THE COMMISSIONS RESUME ON

SEPTEMBER 13 ON THE BASIS OF AN AGREED WORK PROGRAM
AND TO THAT END HE HAS GEARED HIS OWN PREPARATIONS
INCLUDING A MEETING OF G-19 WHICH HE HAS SCHEDULED FOR
SEPTEMBER 10-11. HE HAS COME BACK FROM COLOMBO MORE
CONFIDENT OF G-19'S WILL TO FIND A SATISFACTORY
SOLUTION. ONE FACTOR G-8 MAY WISH TO CONSIDER IS THE
DEGREE TO WHICH HIS FAILURE TO PROCEED TOWARD THAT
OBJECTIVE WOULD UNDERMINE DR. PEREZ-GUERRERO'S STANDING
WITH G-19 WITH WHOM HE HAS BEEN EXERTING CONSIDERABLE
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EFFORT.

WHILE WE DO NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT
RESUMPTION OF THE COMMISSIONS MAY NEED TO BE DELAYED
(FOR EXAMPLE, TO SEPTEMBER 20 IF NOT TO A LATER DATE),
WE BELIEVE G-8 MEMBERS SHOULD CONTINUE TO OPERATE ON
THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE COMMISSIONS WILL RESUME ON
SEPTEMBER 13 AND THAT THE STANCE OF THE GROUP SHOULD
BE THAT THEY WILL MAKE EVERY REASONABLE EFFORT TO
ACHIEVE THAT. END TEXT.
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